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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **SEASON BRINGS BIG WINS FOR LOTTERY PLAYERS**

#### **Northwood Couple Wins Big with Hot Lotto**

Bismarck- Marc and Jennifer Beine warmed up the cold winter with a hot winner. The couple won \$10,000 by matching the five white balls on the Hot Lotto draw on December 3, 2005. The Beines plan on using their prize money to pay off some debt, build up their savings, purchase Christmas gifts, and have some fun. They said they like to play Hot Lotto and Wild Card 2 because of the great odds.

#### **Power Play Win Pays for College**

A Mandan woman found a great way to make the most of a dollar when she turned a \$10,000 Powerball win into a \$30,000 windfall. The winning ticket matched 4 of the white balls and the Powerball for \$10,000; since she had purchased the Power Play option for an extra dollar, the woman's prize increased to \$30,000!

The player is a college student who plans on using her prize for college tuition. She didn't believe her mother who thought it was a \$300 win, so she called M&H Gas in Mandan where she purchased the ticket. They told her she was right – it wasn't worth \$300 but much, much more! She and her family are regular players of Powerball and always purchase the Power Play option.

#### **Fargo Man Gets Close to Powerball Jackpot.**

A Fargo man claimed his \$200,000 Powerball prize in Bismarck. He matched all five of the white balls but did not match the Powerball. The winner said, "I want to be the first Powerball jackpot winner in North Dakota. This is close."

The player purchases a one play, 9-draw ticket each month. He goes to Jimmy's BP Amoco on Wednesdays when they offer a free carwash with the purchase of gas. He checked the ticket after all 9 draws had been completed, which is when the clerk told him he was a winner and that the ticket must be worth more than \$500 because the terminal would not let the clerk cash it.

The winner said he will have a little fun with the money but plans to invest most of it. Had he purchased the Power Play option, his prize would have been multiplied by 4 for \$800,000.

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